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SUBJECT: SPECIAL KNESSET SESSION ON US BICENTENNIAL

REF: TEL AVIV 4689

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL MESSAGE

REQUESTED REFTEL: QUOTE

"WE ARE PLEASED AND HONORED BY THE COMMEMORATION BY THE KNESSET OF ISRAEL AS WE IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS CELEBRATE THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF OUR NATION.

THE "SPIRIT OF '76" OF TWO CENTURIES AGO STRESSED SUCH IDEALS AS NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, HUMAN DIGNITY, AND THE LIBERTY AND EQUALITY OF MAN. WE BELIEVE THESE IDEALS TO BE EQUALLY VALID TODAY, AND IN TIME TO COME; AND WE TAKE JOY IN THEIR BEING SHARED BY OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD.

WE FEEL A SPECIAL KINSHIP FOR THE KNESSET BECAUSE OF OUR LONGSTANDING FRIENDSHIP FOR ISRAEL, AND BECAUSE AS FREELY ELECTED PARLIAMENTS WE ARE JOINED IN OUR DEVOTION TO DEMOCRACY AND TO SERVING THE WILL OF OUR PEOPLES. WE APPRE-

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CIATED ISRAEL'S PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSING THE CONGRESS AS

THE FIRST FOREIGN HEAD OF GOVERNMENT TO VISIT OUR CAPITOL
THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR.

IN LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, WE FEEL CERTAIN THAT THE TIES
BINDING OUR TWO NATIONS WILL REMAIN STRONG. WE WILL CON-
TINUE TO SHARE COMMON IDEALS AND CONCERNS.
IN COMPANIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL, WE WILL BE MAINTAINING
OUR QUEST FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE.

CARL ALBERT
SPEAKER
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MIKE MANSFIELD
MAJORITY LEADER
U.S. SENATE END QUOTE.

2. ISRAELI EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED FROM SPEAKER'S
OFFICE AT THEIR REQUEST COPY OF MESSAGE. WE HAVE COOR-
DINATED WITH EMBASSY AND HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT DELIVERY
OF MESSAGE WILL BE LEFT TO US. NEVERTHELESS, BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE PRUDENT TO CHECK IN JERUSALEM. KISSINGER

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